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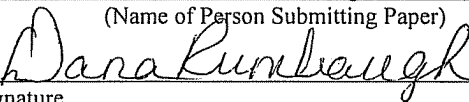
Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, the Applicants hereby submit this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), together with a completed Form PTO/SB/08a and a copy of each non-U.S. Patent reference cited therein.

This application is the United States national phase of International Application PCT/EP2004/014748, filed December 17, 2004. GB 2 152 063; DE 34 38 735; U.S. Patent No. 6,030,562; U.S. Patent No. 5,569,542; DE 100 22 008; DE 100 30 563; U.S. Patent No. 6,620,349; and U.S. Patent No. 4,039,645 are cited in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP), dated October 19, 2005 and in the International Search Report (ISR) dated May 20, 2005 in the underlying PCT Application. The remaining references identified on Form PTO/SB/08a were cited on page 1 in the specification of the application. DE 34 38 735 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 4,935,457; DE 100 22 008 is equivalent to EP 1 278 802; DE 100 30 563 is equivalent to EP 1 294 561; DE 23 14 996 is equivalent to GB 1 433 781; and DE 21 28 691 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 3,676,387. An English-language abstract is provided for JP 2000 80 253 and JP 09 227 119.

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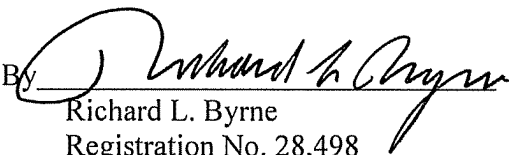
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